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Re: Application of **Francisco Javier VILA PAHI,**  
**Josep VERGES MILANO** and **Montserrat PEREZ LOPEZ**  
entitled **"NEW THERAPEUTIC USE OF**  
**CHONDROITIN SULPHATE"**  
Assignee: **BIOIBERICA, S.A.**  
Our Ref: **Q-92724**

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ the International Application (in English).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Small Entity Status Declaration.
- ☐ one (1) sheet of drawing.
- ☐ the International Preliminary Examination Report (accompanied by Article 34 amendments (if applicable)).
- ☒ Form PTO 1595 (accompanied by a copy of the executed Assignment).
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement (along with a copy of the International Search Report and 5 references).
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report (along with the references cited therein), the International Preliminary



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Examination Report and any Articles 19 and/or 34 amendments (as required by §371(c)) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau. However, for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the International Application and International Search Report (along with a complete copy of the references cited therein) are provided herewith.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

Applicants claim benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:


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| Total claims                     | 9 | - | 20 | = | _____ | x | \$25.00  | = | _____ | \$ .00          |
| Independent claims               | 1 | - | 3  | = | _____ | x | \$100.00 | = | _____ | \$ .00          |
| Base Fee                         |   |   |    |   |       |   |          |   |       | \$150.00        |
| Search Fee*                      |   |   |    |   |       |   |          |   |       | \$200.00        |
| Examination Fee*                 |   |   |    |   |       |   |          |   |       | \$100.00        |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>          |   |   |    |   |       |   |          |   |       | <b>\$450.00</b> |
| <b>Recordation of Assignment</b> |   |   |    |   |       |   |          |   |       | <b>\$40.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>                 |   |   |    |   |       |   |          |   |       | <b>\$490.00</b> |

\*The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as the International Search Authority, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee, in the amount of \$450.00, along with the Assignment recordation fee, in the amount of \$40.00, are submitted herewith.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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